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## R6 Daily Ops Status Report

### Current Status (6:58 AM CDT on 8/25/2017)

#### Personnel

<b>R1:</b>	A Adams	<b>Outposted OSC's</b>	
<b>Tel Duty:</b>	Bernier	Houston, TX/Zehner	Available

#### Available OSC's:

A Adams	Baxter	Bernier
Brescia	E Delgado	Enders
Fife	Guidry	Martin
Mason	McAteer	Moore
P Adams	P Delgado	Rhotenberry
Todd		

#### Unavailable OSC's:

Hayes	Smith
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### Reported Activities (8/24/2017 8:00:00 AM CDT - 8/25/2017 6:58:00 AM CDT)

#### Spill Notifications

State	Oil	Haz	Rad	Other
AR	0	0	0	1
LA	1	1	0	0
NM	0	0	0	0
OK	0	0	0	1
TX	1	3	0	4
Total	2	4	0	6
				= 12

#### Significant Events

No significant events for this reporting period

#### Field Operations

**Activity:** E17630 - South Bayou Boeuf Tank Battery

**Location:** Raceland (LaFouche Parish) LA

**Contact:** Gary Moore

**Start Date:** 2017/08/18 **Type:** Emergency Response **Status:** In-Field

**Comments:** The RP, White Oak Operating, continues to respond to estimated 100 bbl oil spill into a cypress wetland. Approximately 0.81 acres of the wetland was impacted and required extensive removal of floating vegetation.

On 24 August 2017, the RP and its contractor continued removing oiled vegetation and using absorbents to recover oil. Skimming operations were limited as the team continued to focus on

removal of oiled vegetation. The RP continued utilizing pumps, air boats and hard boom to consolidate oil and oiled vegetation at recovery locations. The RP has installed boom for transitioning to maintenance operations. The recovery totals for today were 17 bbls of oily water and 48 yards of oiled vegetation.

On 25 August 2017, the RP will focus on removal of remaining pockets of oil and residual oil. Significant rainfall is expected as a result of Hurricane Harvey and as a result, the crew will make final preparations for this event. The crew plans to conduct periodic observations of the site over the weekend and will begin maintenance activities next week as weather permits.

On 26 August 2017, the EPA plans to demobilize from the incident unless the State of Louisiana requires EPA assistance due to potential impacts related to Hurricane Harvey.

### **Exercises**

No exercises for this reporting period

### **Hurricane Harvey Preparedness Updates:**

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has activated the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10. EPA Region 6 will be deploying two On-Scene Coordinators (OSC) on Friday in support of the State through this ESF. The first OSC will deploy to the FEMA Regional Response Center in Denton, Texas and the second OSC to the State of Texas Operations Center in Austin, Texas.

TCEQ requested EPA Region 6 to provide Just-in-Time training on the EPA Region data management platform and the forms used to collect the data. An additional On-Scene Coordinator will deploy Tuesday to assist the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Two EPA contractors have already deployed to Robstown, Texas to support this request.

The Region 6 Emergency Operations Center is currently activated. Region 6 initiated a Staff Regional Incident Coordination Team call to review regional procedures and update staff on EPA's current and planned activities.

EPA also participated on several coordination calls with state and federal partners, EPA gains situational awareness of State actions based on these calls.

- State of Texas Operations Center call – The focus of the call was on the State's current activities and the potential storm surge and rainfall.
- State of Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness call – The main focus was on potential rainfall in the Southwest section of the State.
- Natural Disaster Operational Workgroup (NDOW) call – All state and federal agencies provided updates on current activities and planned actions as the Hurricane makes landfall.

EPA Region 6 is communicating regularly with our State and Federal partners regarding any additional requests for assistance.



#### DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

At 700 AM CDT (1200 UTC), the eye of Hurricane Harvey was located by Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft and NOAA Doppler radar near latitude 26.3 North, longitude 95.8 West. Harvey is moving toward the northwest near 10 mph (17 km/h), but its forward speed is expected to decrease significantly during the next couple of days. On the forecast track, Harvey will make landfall on the middle Texas coast tonight or early Saturday. Harvey is then likely to meander near or just inland of the middle Texas coast through the weekend.

Maximum sustained winds are near 110 mph (175 km/h) with higher gusts. Some strengthening is possible, and Harvey is expected to become a major hurricane before it reaches the middle Texas coast.

Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles (55 km) from the center, and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 140 miles (220 km).

The minimum central pressure reported by the Air Force plane was 950 mb (28.05 inches).